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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 27, 2009, Applicants elect the Group IIIa claims (1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 and 23-26) without traverse. In view of the Examiner's indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter, Applicants amend the claims as follows for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.